

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

I'm sick of the corporate media presenting only one side of the news. I'm sick of the Dumbing down of America with the lame television programming that is nothing but an avenue for advertising. I'm sick of the lack of creativity in the media, the unwillingness to take chances. I'm sick of the corporate radio playing bland and boring music and ignoring all the truly creative music that is still being made. I'm sick of the lack of free speech on the airwaves. I'm sick of the lack of integrity in the media. I'm sick of the divisiveness that the current media presents that divides our society. Please, restrict the corporate monsters that undermine the integrity of democracy and freedom of speech. Bring back the independent voices.